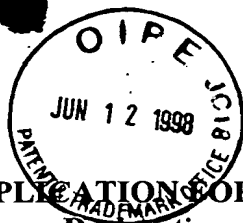


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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
Declaration and Power of Attorney

This application is a continuation of International Application PCT/GB96/02923 filed 27 November 1996. As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the invention entitled: DISPERSION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SOLITON OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM the subject of International Application No. PCT/GB96/02923 filed 27 November 1996 and amended on NONE. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including (to the best of my ability) the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.56; and that applications for patent or inventors certificate on this invention or discovery which have been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America and, if filed within one year before this application, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 are as follows:

United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9524203.8 filed 27 November 1995

I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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